

Welcome to the High Weald National Landscape, an unspoilt medieval landscape. The current state of the climate in the High Weald is leading to wetter winters, this combined with the famous Wealden clay can lead to very difficult walking conditions in rural areas. Fortunately, there are still a good variety of quiet country lanes that can offer an acceptable alternative. Lane walking is not as boring as you may think, there are often many attractive properties to admire, and the views can be most impressive. What follows is one such walk, when undertaking the walk always be aware of traffic and walk in single file on the right of the road, except when a bend to the right will make you invisible to oncoming vehicles, in which case walk on the left of the road.

Distance and duration	A 5½ mile walk, taking about 3 hours to complete
Level of ability expected	Moderate
Start point & post code	Car park adjacent to Hawkhurst Primary School on the A268. TN18 4PQ
OS grid refrence What3Words location	TQ764305 https://what3words.com/slid.dunk.icles
Additional information	Click here to download a GPX file of the route

I-Spy Something to look out for on your walk



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Come out of the car park and turn right along the A268, then take the first right, Queen's Road.

At the junction with White's Lane turn back on yourself and go up Ockley Road for a short distance and turn right into Ockley Lane. This is the one section of the route where you may have to navigate some puddles and mud!

At the top of Ockley Lane turn left along Hartenoak Road and continue to the junction with the A229.

Taking care of traffic coming around the bend on the right go straight across the road and go past the 'Great House' restaurant.

At the T junction turn right along Slip Mill Road, at the next junction turn right into Limes Grove. At the bottom end of the industrial estate to your right is the site of Hawkhurst's railway station, an embankment that carried a bridge across the road can still be seen.

Cross over the A229 and continue to the right, keeping to the verge as best as possible.

Turn almost immediately right into Potter's Lane and carry on for just over ½ mile to an area known as Four Wents. Turn right along Water Lane and carry on for 1¾ miles.

At this point Water Lane bears off to the right and at the next junction take the right hand fork, White's Lane.

Continue along this lane for just over ¾ mile until you reach Queen's Road.

Turn right and retrace the early stages of your outward route back to the car park.

There are a number of locations in Hawkhurst where you can obtain refreshments.

At all times please follow the Countryside Code



Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have barbeques where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

The High Weald - An outstandingly beautiful medieval landscape

